# Teaching in Action: Learning techniques for all early childhood students

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#### 4 Corners – Who are we?

Families Administrators

What is your favorite instructional strategy specific to language development?

Related Service Providers

**Teachers** 

## Cognitive Apprenticeship



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## Literacy Instruction

- Oral Language
- Reading
- Writing
- Listening
- Speaking
- Presenting

# Oral Language Development

- ▶ 5 components
  - 1) Morphology
  - 2) Phonology
  - 3) Semantic
  - 4) Syntactic
  - 5) Pragmatic

# Morphology

Proper use of morphemes

# Phonology

► The rules involved with combining sounds to create words (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2016)

#### Semantic

- Morphemes are the foundation. Morphemes are the smallest units of meaning that can be combined to make up words.
- Ex: paper + s = papers

#### Syntactic

► Combine morphemes into sentences

#### Pragmatic

Rules of language – conversational skills

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# Strategies

- 1) Morphology
- 2) Phonology
- 3) Semantic
- 4) Syntactic
- 5) Pragmatic

#### Model Strategies – Case Studies

- Most of the first graders in Greg's class are able to recognize common irregular and high frequency words like "and," "has," "is," "a," "the," "was," "to," "have," and "said." These words are often referred to as sight words. Greg still has difficulty when he encounters these words. His teacher met with his former kindergarten teacher early in the school year to review his progress. His kindergarten teacher reported that while he took more time to master reading goals compared to his peers, he worked hard and was able to achieve mastery. His teacher is concerned that though he is trying hard, he has not mastered the sight words for first grade. His teacher realizes that she must use new strategies to help Greg meet his instructional goal.
- What goal would you set for Greg?
- What strategies would you use to achieve the goal?
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# Instructional Strategies

Model

#### Apply Strategies – Case Studies

- Raymond is having difficulty mastering basic reading skills and his teacher is concerned. Most of the students are able to rhyme CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. However, Raymond is having difficulty identifying rhyming words. He can match all upper and lower case letters and can identify all upper case letters. Raymond has trouble with lower case letters, he mixes up /b/ and /d/, /g/ and /j/, /m/ and /n/, and /p/ and /q/. His teacher is also concerned about Raymond's comprehension skills. He enjoys listening to stories and is able to identify the characters and setting of the story. He is able to identify what happened at the beginning and at the end of the story, but has difficulty sequencing the middle of a story. His teacher has spoken with his parents about the possible need for additional support and his parents have agreed to help at home with any activity the teacher sends home.
- What goal would you set for Raymond?
- What strategy would you use to achieve the goal?
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#### In Your Educational Role

- Independently
  - ▶ Mho3
  - ▶ What?
  - When?
  - ▶ Where?
  - Instructional Strategy?

#### Action Plan

- ▶ Think-pair-share
  - ▶ Who?
  - ▶ What?
  - ▶ When?
  - ▶ Where?
  - ▶ Instructional Strategy?

#### Follow Through

- Accountability Partners
  - ► Exchange contact information
  - Schedule a date to discuss action plan

# Survey

- Survey monkey
  - http://tinyurl.com/z7bsusj

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